

1 11. (Amended) The host system of claim 9, wherein said host driver module and said
2 device driver module constitute a single device that is portable across a plurality of operating systems
3 and host network platforms, and works interoperably with a plurality of storage devices and
4 operating systems.

1 12. (Amended) The host system of claim 9, wherein said host driver module and said
2 device driver module operate in accordance with an Intelligent Input/Output (I₂O) specification for
3 allowing storage devices to operate independently from the operating system.

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